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HIGH TECH DEMAND INCHES UPWARD

Demand for engineers and scientists as measured by the HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX continued to edge upward in June, reaching its highest level in 16 months. The June Index stands at 115, a slight gain over the May reading of 113, and 12 points above June 1986. Single-month data for July, 110, reflect a 5 point gain over July a year ago.

These findings were announced today by Marjorie Freedland, Senior VP for Research of DSE, a human resources advertising and research organization. Ms. Freedland noted that, "This moderately optimistic report should be viewed with caution. While these figures may seem to show a trend toward increasing technical demand, there are indications that the gains may not be sustained throughout the summer. Single-month figures have been declining since April, and key component areas of the Index are static. It will take stronger than usual hiring activity than has been in evidence during the past two years to maintain the HTRI's rise into autumn."

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The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to engineers and scientists in major U.S. newspapers and technical journals each month.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single Month	High Technology Recruitment Index*
June, 1986	101	103
July	105	105
August	107	107
September	109	108
October	108	106
November	102	104
December	103	107
January, 1987	115	109
February	109	109
March	104	106
April	105	110
May	122	113
June	113	115
July	110	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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